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# Colorado Department of Agriculture Goes Online for Good Measure

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – For owners of thousands of commercial scales and meters, acquiring a state license is easier than ever before, thanks to an online licensing system implemented this week by the Colorado Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with Colorado.gov.

Approximately 8,000 locations statewide have over 26,000 commercial scales or meters which require a Measurement Standards Scale or Measuring Device license. Scales used for commercial purposes, e.g. legal, produce and truck scales, must be licensed on an annual basis. One license per location is required, regardless of the number of scales.

"Commercially used scales, moisture meters, textile meters and cordage meters must be licensed and tested on an annual basis to make sure the devices are accurate," stated Kristin Macey, CDA Measurement Standards Chief. "This online service provides owners of commercial weighing and measuring devices with a more convenient and efficient process for renewing, removing, and applying for their licenses."

The new licensing service allows owners of commercially used scales to purchase, renew, change data or remove devices from their license directly through the state's official Web site, **Colorado.gov.** The Department's <u>Measurement Standards Web site</u> also has an online licensing link. Acceptable payment methods include Visa, MasterCard and eChecks, which are processed through Colorado.gov's secure payment system.

"This exciting new online service makes the device licensing process more convenient," said John Stulp, Commissioner of Agriculture. "This most recent advancement in customer service is part of our commitment to provide convenient, user-friendly services to the citizens and businesses of Colorado."

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# **About Colorado.gov**

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Colorado Interactive, a Denver-based, wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment firm, NIC Inc. markets, operates and maintains Colorado.gov under the oversight of SIPA.

## **About SIPA**

The Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) was created in 2004 by the Colorado legislature and is a state Authority governed by an 11-member Board of Directors consisting of businesspersons and state and county representatives. The mission of SIPA is to make Colorado government at all levels more accessible to its citizens and businesses and more productive through the use of eBusiness technologies.

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